



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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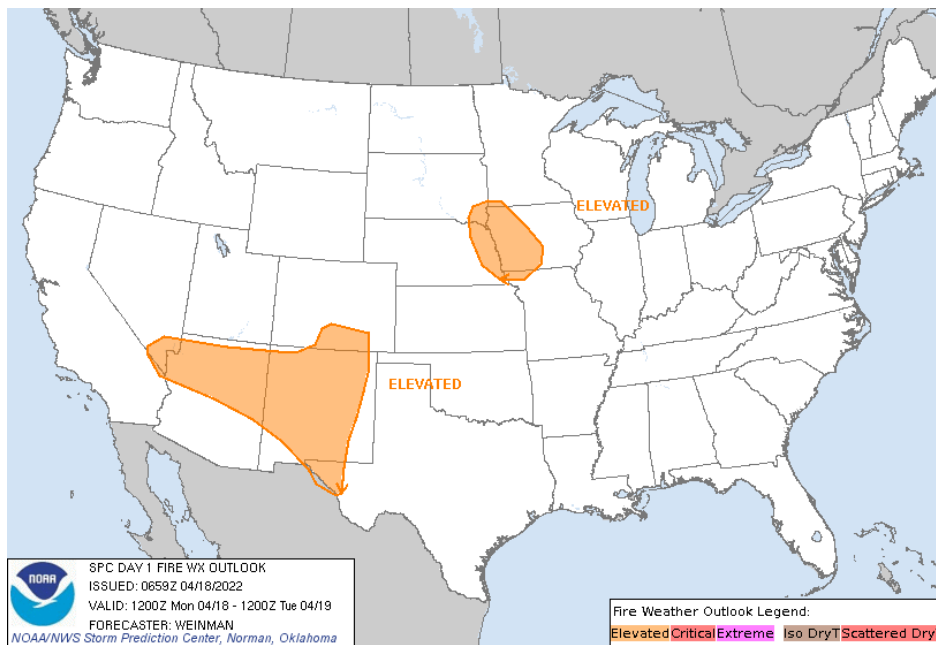
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| Event Name | 22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17MAR |
| Date | April 18, 2022 |
| Time | 9:00 AM |
| Operational Period | 8:00 AM April 17 to 8:00 AM April 18, 2022 |
| Report Number | 32 |

Regions Affected

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| TDEM Regions Affected | 4, 5 & 6 |
| DDCs Active | 1 & 20 |

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) received five new requests for assistance for wildfire suppression operations on Sunday, April 17. Elevated fire weather conditions are forecasted for far west Texas today.

NWS Fire Weather Outlook Valid: 7AM 4/18 to 7AM 4/19.



Weather - Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook: Over the Southwest, diurnal heating/mixing will yield 5-15 percent RH by the afternoon. At the same time, enhanced midlevel flow will mix down to the surface, resulting in 15-20 mph sustained westerly surface winds. For the south-central Rockies and adjacent High Plains, downslope warming/drying and diurnal heating will allow for 15-20 percent RH by peak heating. Here, sustained southerly surface winds of 15-20 mph will develop in response to the tightening surface pressure gradient. These meteorological conditions combined with modestly receptive fuels will support elevated to spotty critical conditions.

On April 17, Governor Abbott renewed the disaster declaration for wildfires in Texas.

On April 12, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to prepare additional state resources for mobilization as Texans face critical-to-extreme wildfire weather conditions in the Western half of the state and severe storm threats in the Eastern half of the state. The Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) is operating at Level II: Escalated Response in support of severe weather and wildfire response.

On April 1, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Bee, Bell, Borden, Bosque, Brewster, Cameron, Coke, Concho, Cooke, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Dimmit, Duval, Ector, Edwards, Gaines, Garza, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kimble, Kleberg, Live Oak, Martin, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Refugio, Roberts, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Wichita, Willacy, Winkler, Wise, Zapata, and Zavala counties.

On March 29, Governor Abbott encouraged Texans to remain vigilant and informed on weather conditions as fire danger and severe weather threaten the state.
(Complete Statement Here)

On March 27, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Medina County.

On March 21, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Blanco, Erath, Hood, Runnels, and Starr counties.

On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration due to an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in Brooks, Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Grayson, Mason, Potter, Randall, and Williamson Counties.

On March 16, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to activate additional state resources as escalated fire weather conditions continue to impact the state.

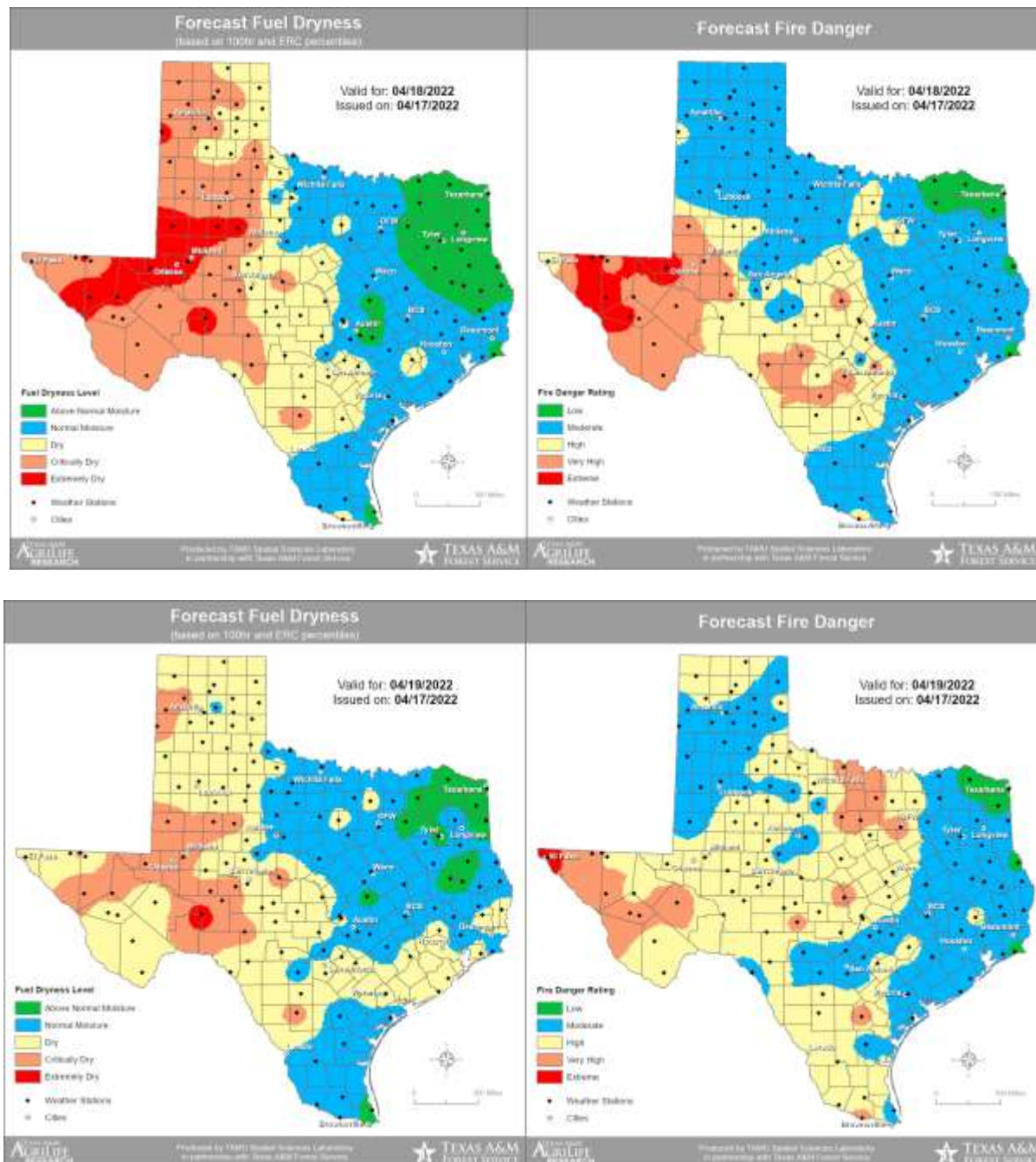
On March 15, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to mobilize state resources as Texas faces increased fire weather conditions.

Access damage surveys, find an evacuation shelter, and view wildfire resources.

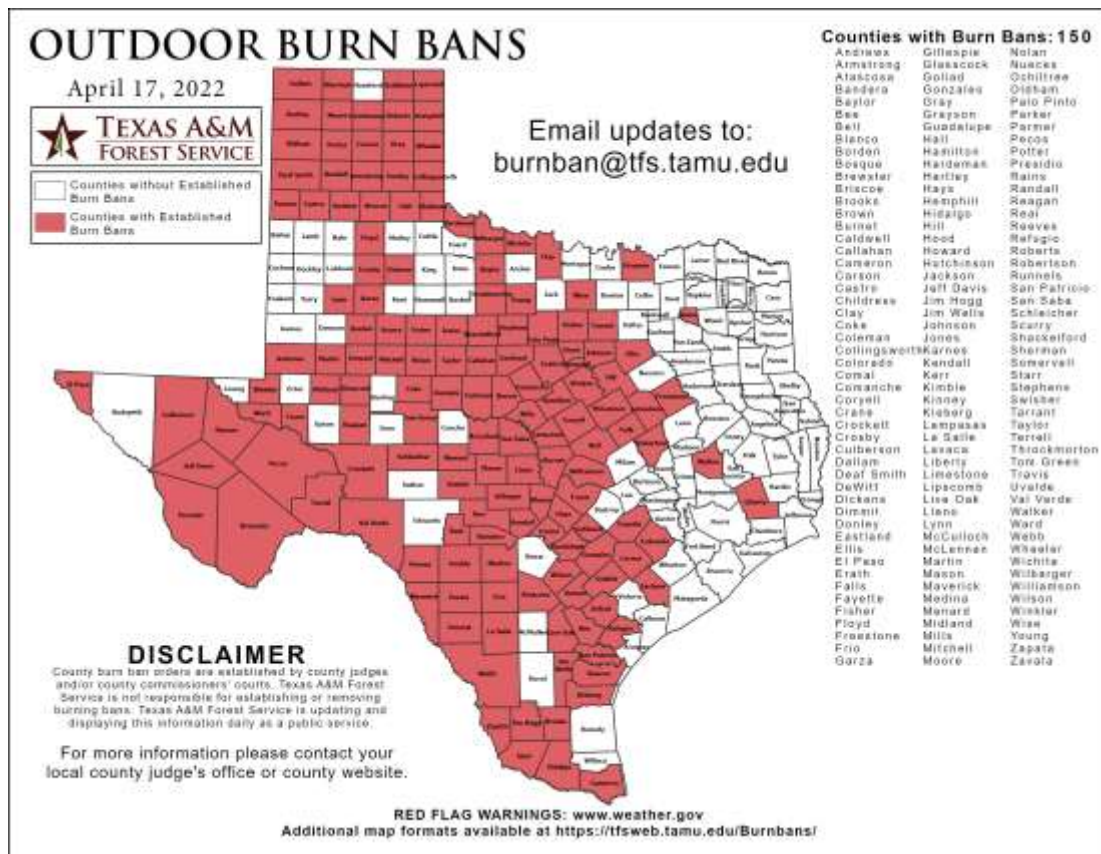
Visit our March Wildfires Disaster page for more information:

<https://www.tdem.texas.gov/disasters/2022-march-wildfires>.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) – Predictive Services:



There are currently 150 Texas counties out of 254 with a Burn Ban in effect.



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response and recovery operations.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9, and 10)

DDC 9B - Fort Stockton (Includes: Crane, Loving, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, and Ward Counties)

Pecos County: [Kimberly](#): 19 acres – 95% contained

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 3 - Wichita Falls (Includes Archer, Baylor, Clay, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Young, Wilbarger and Wichita Counties)

Baylor County: Late Night: 965 acres – 100% contained.

Foard County: Easter Day: 230 acres – 80% contained.

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties)

Haskell County: Stag: 1,058 acres – 95% contained.

Nolan County: Nina Lucia: 500 acres – 25% contained.

Taylor County: Easter Blues: 300 acres – 50% contained.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 18B – Bexar (Includes: Atascosa, Bexar, Karnes, McMullen, and Wilson Counties)

Bexar County: Training Area 23: 3,005 acres – 95% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) – Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): Communications platforms are being identified for possible support if required.

TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF): DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC and actively monitoring the weather situation. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

TDEM Mass Care: State partners are supporting local jurisdictions from the wildfires.

TDEM State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL): Disaster non-profits and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters are actively deployed and supporting

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): The PUC continues to provide a liaison to the SOC and is monitoring for any outages or other issues with electricity providers. Restoring service where practical behind the fire(s).

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): The RRC will continue to work with natural gas service providers throughout this event.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): TAHC continues to maintain situational awareness.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has staff available to assist local governments with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA): TDA continues to staff the Remote SOC as needed as part of the ESF-11 Team. STAR Funds accepting donations and requests for financial assistance.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): Wildland Fire Support (WLFS) Packages are on awareness from EMTF's 1 & 9.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is staffing the remote SOC.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): TXDPS continues to staff the remote SOC to maintain situational awareness.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD continues supporting TAMFS in suppressing wildland fires in Texas.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD is providing two firefighting brush trucks.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equip | Status | Location |
|--------|------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------------|
| TAMFS | Large Air Tanker (LAT) | | 4 | Available | Abilene, Austin |

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| TAMFS | Air Attack (AA) | | 6 | Available | Abilene, Alice, Childress, Fredericksburg, Midland, San Angelo |
| TAMFS | Multi Mission Aircraft | | 1 | Available | Abilene |
| TAMFS | Type I Helicopter | | 5 | Available | Alice, Alpine, Cotulla, Fredericksburg, San Angelo |
| TAMFS | Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs) | | 15 | Available | Alice, Brownwood, Childress, Fredericksburg, Mineral Wells |
| TAMFS | Type 3 Helicopter | | 2 | Available | McGregor, Smithville |
| TAMFS | Dozer/Tractor Plow | | 23 | Available | Various |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST 131 | 15 | 4 | Assigned | Training Area 23 |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST 132 | 16 | 6 | Available | Childress |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST 136 | 18 | 5 | Available | Big Spring |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST 138 | 11 | 4 | Available | Merkel |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST 142 | 17 | 6 | Available | Edinburg |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST 144 | 10 | 5 | Available | Pleasanton |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS Adobe Wall Module 143 | 6 | 4 | Available | Borger |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS Coordinators | 2 | | Available | College Station, Merkel |
| TIFMAS | Overhead | 5 | 5 | Available | Brownwood |
| TMD | Rotary Wing (Medium MRP) | 16 | 2 | Assigned | Austin |

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 pandemic response with additional staffing for Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor these situations and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

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| Level I | (Emergency Conditions) |
| Level II | (Escalated Response Conditions) |
| Level III | (Increased Readiness Conditions) |
| Level IV | (Normal Conditions) |

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem-web.webflow.io/response/state-operations-center#tab-2>

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